

REMARKS

The applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action of 26 September 2006 and notes with appreciation the substantive allowance of claims 5, 6, 11, 23-27, 32, 33 and 38. In response the applicant seeks to accept the allowed coverage.

More specifically, claim 1 is now amended to incorporate the subject matter of substantively allowed claim 23 and intervening claim 22. As such claim 1 should now be formally allowed. Claims 2-4, 7-11, 16-18 and 24-27 which depend from claim 1 should also be formally allowed.

Since amended claim 1 is generic, withdrawn claims 10-15 and 19-21 should be reinstated and allowed.

As amended, claim 28 incorporates the subject matter of substantively allowed claim 38 and intervening claims 29, 30, 34 and 37. As such, claim 28 should be formally allowed. Claims 31, 35, 36, 43, 44 and 45 which depend from claim 28 should also be formally allowed.

Since amended claim 28 is generic, withdrawn claims 39-42 and 46-48 should be reinstated and formally allowed.

Claims 22, 23, 29, 30, 34, 37 and 38 are all cancelled since the subject matter of these claims is now incorporated into the independent claims. In addition, claims 5, 6, 32, 33 and 49 are cancelled without prejudice. With the cancellation of claims 5, 6, 32 and 33, the requirement for an amended drawing figure is made moot and should be withdrawn.

In summary, all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed and the application has been placed in condition for formal allowance. Upon careful review and consideration it is believed the Examiner will agree with this proposition. Accordingly, the early issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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